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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 26th/July, through Sunday, 2nd/August there were 197 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1U, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5R, 5T, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C9, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J7, JA, JT, JY, K, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PY, PZ, S0, S5, S7, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T5, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TR, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP2M, VP8, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XW, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZL7, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

2020 ILLW NEWS (COVID-19 and the ILLW)[edited]. The following was posted on the ILLW Web (https://illw.net/): "Please note that the ILLW (International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend) for 2020 will NOT be cancelled due to the impact of the Corona virus. Participation will be the decision of each entrant depending on their own circumstances and Government rulings regarding border and national parks closures and social contact etc."

The 23rd ILLW will be held between 0001 UTC, August 22nd, to 2400 UTC, August 23rd, 2020 (48 hours). As of July 31st, there are 264 entrants listed for 2020. The list of lighthouses and reference numbers can be

found at: https://illw.net/index.php/entrants-list-2020

4U1UN (United Nations Amateur Radio Club) NEWS (FaceBook Update, dated July 31st). Greetings from UNARC/4U1UN. As most are aware, UNHQ has been shut down for some time due to COVID-19. As a result, basic maintenance of equipment has been postponed until the building is reopened to staff. The Secretary General has implemented a multi-phased approach based on state and federal guidelines. As such, we hope to regain access in October or November. It's at that time that maintenance activities will be scheduled with the appropriate departments in order to address pressing equipment failures. This includes repair to our Acom amplifier control module as well as the beacon antenna.

On other news, I've been testing and evaluating a Flex Radio Systems 6600M which was kindly loaned to us by our friends at Flex Radio. The Flex SDR system has proven more than capable of performing in our constrained operating environment, and is something as current club president, hope to implement into our station as soon as possible. Many thanks go to Flex Radio, especially, Matt Youngblood for his generosity and willingness to work with the United Nations Amateur Radio Club 4U1UN.

I'll try to update you with more news as it's made available to me by senior management and our administration.

Until then, be safe. Be well.... 73, James K2QI

5H, TANZANIA. Late last week, information came out about a well-known DXer (from the late 80's and the first half of the 90's; many older DXers may remember working him from very rare places; some questionable) will be going to Pongwe, Zanzibar Island (AF-032), Tanzania, and be active as 5H1RR. Specific details and dates have not been mentioned, but the operator was named -- Roman Vega (aka Romeo Stepanenko), 3W3RR (also to name a "few" other callsigns -- 1S0RR, 1S0XV, 1S1RR, 4L/AH0M, 5A0RR, 9D0RR, R3A/3W3RR, UB5JRR, XE2/AH0M, YA0RR and P5RS7).

Romeo has been mostly in prison starting in 1993 (in Libya and Egypt), in in 1999 by the FBI - in Miami (however, that case was dismissed), but was arrested again in Cyprus in February of 2003. After spending 18 months in prison there, Romeo was extradited to the United States on an Interpol warrant in 2004. After serving many years in different prisons throughout the U.S. (for conspiracies to commit money laundering and access device fraud), Romeo was released from the York County Prison (PA) where he was held until November 2019, and then escorted to an airplane jetway at JFK airport and on February 1, 2020, landed in Russia.

For more details about Romeo and his operations, pictures of his QSL cards and his life activities (a lot of info), see the following Web pages: http://www.3w3rr.com/p/intro.html
http://www.dokufunk.org/amateur_radio/personalities/index.php?CID=1175

ADDED NOTES: Even if Romeo's 5H1RR operation takes place, his operation will probably not count. He has been banned/disqualified from participation in the DXCC program (in any manner). This was inactive by the ARRL Awards Committee after they reviewed all of the documentation for Romeo's 1992-93 P5RS7 North Korea operation. It was also announced in a ARRL DX Bulletin (#11) in 1996: http://www.arrl.org/w1aw-bulletins-archive/ARLD011/1996

By the way, on May 25th, 2020, there was a posting that Romeo was also going to be active as 9Q9RR from Mbuji Mayi, Dem. Republic of Congo. NO QRNs were reported.

5K8, COLOMBIA. Members of the Colombian Amateur Radio League (LCRA) will be active with the special callsign 5K87LR from Bogota, Colombia, until August 31st. Activity is to celebrate 87th anniversary of the LCRA.

Operations will be on various HF bands. QSL via LoTW only.

8P, BARBADOS. Mathieu, VA2MVR, is currently active as 8P9QC and is living in Pine Gardens until September 12th. Activity is mainly on 40/20 meters using SSB and may try FT4/FT8 later. He is using an FT-891 w/100 watts into a sloping dipole between a tree and coconut tree. QSL only via LoTW.

CB6, CHILE (Special Event). Members of the Radio Club Traiguén (CE6TRA) will activate 4 special callsigns between September 1-30th, to commemorate the 131th anniversary of the arrival of the railway to the city of Traiguén. The special callsigns will be associated with the following railway stations of the Ramal Traiguén - Púa:

CB6T - Traiguén Railway Station CB6P - Púa Railway Station
CB6Q - Quino Railway Station. CB6TEB Electric Train J. Bunster B.

Activity will be on various HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes (FT8/SSTV). Certificates will be awarded in three different categories, according to the number of stations contacted or received (SWLs) by the radio amateur requesting said diploma (Silver, Gold, Platinum). For direct QSL cards, send to following address: RADIO CLUB TRAIGUÉN, BOX N ° 150, CP 4730000, BRING, CHILE. For more details, see QRZ.com.

CN21, MOROCCO. Hassan, CN8SG, will be active with the special callsign CN21SG from Kenitra. Activity is celebrating the 21st anniversary of the reign of his Majesty King of Morocco Mohammed VI. Activity will be on various HF bands. QSL via EA7FTR.

CQ0, PORTUGAL (LH Op). Members of the OESTE DX Gang Association (ODXG) will be active as CQ0ODX/P from the Lighthouse of Cape Carvoeiro/Peniche (ILLW PT0002, P.F.F.P. FP-033, D.M.H.P. LR-085) during the International Lighthouse Lightship Weekend (ILLW) [August 22-23rd). Activity will be on 160/80/40/20/17/15/12/10/6/2 meters using CW, SSB and FT8/FT4. QSL via only ClubLog and LoTW.

DID YOU MISS THE DXE VIRTUAL HAMFEST/DX ACADEMY? If you missed the DXE Virtual Hamfest and DX Academy,you can catch it all on YouTube at:

https://youtu.be/PC6iIVZAH88?t=287

The event is just under 8 hours long.

DXCC'S MOST WANTED (ClubLog). The "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list has been updated on ClubLog as of July 27th. The list contains 340 entities. The following are the top 26 entities:

1. P5 DPRK (North Korea)
2. 3Y/B Bouvet Island
3. FT5/W Crozet Island
4. BS7H Scarborough Reef
5. CE0X San Felix Islands
6. BV9P Pratas Island
7. KH7K Kure Island
8. KH3 Johnston Island
9. 3Y/P Peter 1 Island
10. FT5/X Kerguelen Island
11. FT/G Glorioso Island
12. VK0M Macquarie Island
13. YV0 Aves Island
14. KH4 Midway Island
15. ZS8 Prince Edward & Marion Islands
16. PY0S Saint Peter and Paul Rocks
17. PY0T Trindade & Martim Vaz Islands
18. KP5 Desecheo Island
19. SV/A Mount Athos
20. VP8S South Sandwich Islands
21. KH5 Palmyra & Jarvis Islands
22. JD/M Minami Torishima
23. EZ Turkmenistan
24. ZL9 New Zealand Subantarctic Islands
25. YK Syria
26. FK/C Chesterfield Island

No change on the Top 26 since we last reported back on May 4th. The complete "DXCC Most Wanted" entities list (340) is available at:

https://secure.clublog.org/mostwanted.php

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS (Reminder/Satellite Op/Rare Grid). Philippe, EA4NF, will be operating on the satellites from Lanzarote Island, Canary Islands (AF-004, WW Loc. IL38 & IL39), as EA8/EA4NF between August 10-17th. A special focus will be from the very rare IL39 Grid. Portable activation will be with a FT818 and a FT817ND operating in full Duplex with an Alaskan Arrow Antenna. Activity will be on the FM and Linear Satellites. QSL via LoTW as EA8/EA4NF. Keep an eye on Philippe's Twitter feed for further updates and passes at: https://twitter.com/EA4NF_SAT

FINAL RESULTS OF COVID-19 COMMUNICATION EVENT (Press Release, by Martti, OH2BH, dated July 31st)[edited].

18,838 HAMS FROM 181 DXCC ENTITIES
WITH THE MEDIAN AGE OF 62 YEARS OLD
GREETED EACH OTHER IN THIS HISTORICAL RADIO EVENT
JUNE 6-7th, 2020: A 24-HOUR COVID-19 COMMUNICATION EVENT

The international gathering of STAYHOME/STAYSAFE stations and fellow amateur radio operators was organized as a brief 24 hours event where hams were able to quickly greet each other, in a contest-like format, in the spirit of well-being. A total of 18,838 hams from 181 DXCC entities participated in the event, using the CW, SSB and FT8 transmission modes. There were 39 registered STAYHOME/STAYSAFE stations from all continents, making this event a very unique global undertaking. An impressive 120,181 radio contacts were made during the event.

THE CATEGORY WINNERS

WORLD WINNERS: CW: RG9A SSB: PP5JR DIGITAL: YO9HP MULTI-MODE: LY9A

CONTINENTAL WINNERS: Africa: EA8RM Asia: RG9A Europe: LY9A NA: W1UE
SA: PY5KD and OC: ZL3P

STAYHOME HALL OF FAME: The most productive STAYHOME/STAYSAFE groups that dominated the continental landscape were from Romania, Brazil and Finland.

WE SINCERELY CONGRATULATE ALL HIGH SCORERS & WINNERS!

* The detailed results of the event are available at:
http://ko8sca.com/results.pdf
* The prize lottery will be organized within the next two-weeks.

The COVID-19 Radio Communication Event Organizing Committee:
73, E21EIC, KO8SCA, OH2BH, OH2MM, and PY5EG

THE COVID-19 COMMUNICATION EVENT WAS PART OF THE GLOBAL STAYHOME ACTIVITY FROM APRIL 8th, 2020, TO JUNE 7th, 2020

The OH0-OH9 stations made an impressive 133,000 contacts along with 25,000 FT8 QSOs logged by the Brazilian digital station ZW5STAYHOME, working hams from a total of 180 countries from all 40 CQ zones, with other STAYHOME stations totaling almost 290,000 contacts in the two month period. This reinforced the recommended STAYHOME/STAYSAFE message of distancing and well-being among the global on-the-air amateur radio community. On June 8th, 2020, the Finnish led movement was put on hold while waiting for further news from around the world. Unfortunately, the news has been discouraging and our sympathy goes to the families

of the suffering and the lost lives. Amateur radio operators continue to pass well-being messages and are ready and at service for the society when needed.

These events were organized jointly by Radio Arcala of Finland and Araucaria DX Group of Brazil.

IOTA NEWS. The following are IOTA operations that were active this past week between July 27th-August 1st (as per the DXCluster):

IOTA	Callsign	Island/GROUP	Bands/Modes
AF-004	EA8DHA	Canary	17m; SSB
AF-032	5H1FF	ZANZIBAR	17m; FT8
AS-003	4S7JL/MM	SRI LANKA	20m; SSB
AS-004	5B60AIX	CYPRUS	20m; SSB
AS-005	D44PM	Sao Tiago	20m; SSB
AS-007	JA9LX	HONSHU	20m; Digi
AS-007	JE1NVD	HONSHU	20m; Digi
AS-007	JF2DDR	HONSHU	20m; Digi
AS-007	JF4VZT	HONSHU	20m; Digi
AS-007	JG4AKL	HONSHU	20m; Digi
AS-007	JH0NCG	HONSHU	20m; Digi
AS-007	JO7KMB	HONSHU	20m; Digi
AS-078	JA8IZP	HOKKAIDO	20m; Digi
AS-141	BA5CJ/5	ZHEJIANG PROVINCE S	20m; FT8
EU-002	OH0Z	ALAND	20m; CW
EU-004	EA6/EA3HSO	BALEARIC	20m; CW
EU-005	G7CNF	GREAT BRITAIN	15m; Digi
EU-005	GM5X	Scotland	80/40/20/15m; SSB
EU-005	M3OVA	GREAT BRITAIN	30m; Digi
EU-007	R1MJ/P	BLASKET	20m; SSB
EU-014	TK/F4IDN	CORSICA	40m; SSB
EU-021	TF5B	ICELAND	15m; Digi
EU-025	IT9BGE	SICILY	40m; SSB
EU-030	OZ8IE/P	BORNHOLM	20m; SSB
EU-032	F1HOM/P	POITOU-CHARENTES REGION	80/20m; SSB
EU-036	LB9RE	OR-TRONDELAG/MOREOG ROMSDAL COUNTY N	17m; Digi
EU-042	DL0SY	CHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE NW	20m; SSB
EU-042	DL1DAW/P	CHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN STATE NW	20m; CW
EU-048	F/LX1NO/P	BRETAGNE	20/17/15m; CW/Digi
EU-051	IT9AGZ/IE9	USTICA	40m; SSB
EU-054	IF9/IT9PPG	EGADI	20m; CW
EU-056	LA/DF9TM	GODOYA	17m; SSB
EU-056	LA/DL2SWW	GODOYA	30/20/17m; CW
EU-062	LA7GIA/P	TJOTTA	30m; CW
EU-076	LA7GIA/P	LOFOTEN	30m; CW
EU-079	LA/DF9TM	MORE OG ROMSDAL COUNTY S	40/20m; SSB
EU-079	LA/DL2SWW	MORE OG ROMSDAL COUNTY S	40/20/10m; CW
EU-096	OH3OJ/1	KAURISSALO	40/30/20/17m; CW
EU-113	SV8/DJ4EL	Kythira	40/20/17m; SSB
EU-115	GI5NI	IRELAND	40m; SSB
EU-115	MI0AIH	IRELAND	20m; SSB
EU-115	MI7RPG	IRELAND	20m; Digi
EU-116	GD1JNB	ISLE OF MAN	40m; SSB
EU-117	R1MJ/P	Gulf of Finland North	20m; SSB
EU-117	R1CBL/P	Gulf of Finland North	20m; SSB
EU-132	SP/DL7DF	ZCZECIN/KOSZALIN PROVINCE	40m; CW/SSB

EU-170	9A0FF	DALMATIA NORTH	40m; CW
EU-170	9A3ST/P	DALMATIA NORTH	40m; SSB
EU-170	9A8TQF	Tramerka	20m; SSB
EU-175	CU3DX/P	Azores	20m; CW/SSB
NA-015	CM6RK	CUBA	40m; SSB
NA-021	8P6ET	Barbados	20m; Digi
NA-096	HI7M	Dominican Republic	17m; SSB
NA-101	J73WA	Dominica	30m; Digi
NA-108	J69DS	St. Lucia	17m; Digi
NA-178	K6VVK	CALIFORNIA STATE CENTRE	20m; Digi
OC-001	VK2WJ	AUSTRALIA	20m; Digi
OC-001	VK6MIT	AUSTRALIA	20m; Digi
OC-013	E51JD	RAROTONGA	20m; SSB
OC-016	3D2AG	VITI LEVU AND VANUA LEVU	17m; Digi
OC-021	YB2HAF	JAVA	20m; Digi
OC-022	YB9AY	BALI	30m; Digi
OC-036	ZL1WN	NORTH	20m; SSB
OC-048	DV3CEP	LUZON	20m; Digi
OC-148	YD9MFD	TIMOR	40m; Digi
SA-011	9Z4Y	Trinidad and Tobago	20m; CW
SA-012	YV7PMG	Isla Margarita	20m; SSB
SA-012	YV7WGA	Isla Margarita	15m; Digi

** Thanks to the individuals who put the island/group and mode on their QSNs on the PacketCluster reports....

AS-117. Kenji, JA4GXS, will once again be active as JA4GXS/4 from Kasado Island on August 22nd, between 0700-2200z. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-041. Simone, IU4HRJ, will once again be active as IM0/IU4HRJ from Maddalena Island between August 4-10th. Activity will be on 40-2 meters using SSB and the Digital modes. Plans to possibly activate some DCI/WCA reference numbers. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

EU-052. Francesco, IK6QON, will be active as SV8/IK6QON from Corfu Island between August 9-20th. Activity will be holiday style on 40-6 meters using CW and SSB, with 100 watts into a multi-band vertical. QSL via IK6QON.

EU-076. By the time you read this, Ken, LA7GIA, should be finishing up his LA7GIA/P activity from Lofoten Island until August 3rd. Operations will be on 30 meters CW or possibly 20 meters.

EU-096. Tony, OH1TD, is currently active again from his summer QTH on Korpo Island until September. QSL via his home callsign, direct or via the Bureau.

EU-170. Didi, DL4DCW, will be active as 9A/DL4DCW from Vir Island, in the Dalmatia North Group, Croatia. Activity will be holiday style on various HF bands. QSL via his home callsign or eQSL.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

ISWL CALLSIGNS (For August 2020). The following ISWL club callsigns will be used throughout the month of August 2020:

GX4BJC/A & GX4BJC/P - Signing /A suffix will be from Great Sutton, in Cheshire (WAB Square - SJ37 - England, IOTA EU-005, WLOTA 1841); Operator is Geof, M0BAU. Geof will give his /P WAB square if requested.

MN1SWL/A - Signing /A suffix, from Belfast, in Northern Ireland (WAB Square - J36 - N. Ireland, IOTA EU-115, WLOTA 1439); Operator is Alan, GI0VWU.

ALL QSLs will be handled by Dick, M5DIK - The QSL Manager and NOT the individual operator. The I.S.W.L. is a member of the European PSK Club. All QSL info is on or or
or via . NO LoTW.

J8, ST. VINCENT. Brian, GW4DVB, will once again be active as J88PI from Palm Island (aka Prune Island, WW Loc. FK92HO, IOTA NA-025), in the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Island group, between November 23rd and December 1st. Activity will be holiday style on 40/20/17/15/10/6 meters using CW, SSB, SSTV and FT8. He will use a Yaesu FT991A into a 10m vertical antenna, a M0CVO HW-40HP off center fed dipole and possibly new antennas. QSL via GW4DVB direct only (PayPal available) to: PO Box 20:20, Llanharan, Ponty-clun, Wales - UK CF72 9ZA. For more details and updates, check:
http://www.g4dvb.co.uk
ADDED NOTE: Palm Island is an exclusive, private-island resort. This idyllic tropical hideaway is situated near the southern tip of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, an idyllic archipelago of 32 tropical islands and cays known for its stunning natural beauty, clear, warm waters and turtles.

JW, SVALBARD. Arne, LA7WCA, will be active as JW7WCA from Svalbard (EU-026) sometime in May 2021. Activity will be on various HF Bands using SBB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via his home callsign.

NCDXF NEWS (Press Release, date July 28th) [edited]. The Northern California DX Foundation is pleased to announce it is granting 5,000 USDs to the JX0X 2021 Jan Mayen Island DXpedition planned for September/October 2021. Jan Mayen Island is in high demand on the LF bands by DXers in North America and East Asia and is a primary focus of this team.

DXpedition team leader Ken Opskar, LA7GIA, says "the JX0X team (is) very pleased to have received this major grant from NCDXF. With the trust you have shown by supporting us, we will put a lot of effort in making a good low band show in 2021. We are aware of how much JX is needed in NA and look forward working many NA DXers!"

The Web page (http://jx0x.com) has details of the 2021 Jan Mayen Island DXpedition.

DXpeditions to rare entities like Jan Mayen Island that are so remote are becoming more expensive, a trend that we believe will continue.

NCDXF's primary purpose is to help fund well-organized DXpeditions to desirable DXCC entities like South Orkney Island. During the last 48 years, NCDXF has granted nearly 1.2 million USDs to hundreds of DX-peditions - helping to put an "All-Time-New-one" (ATNO) in the log and make DX happen for thousands of DXers worldwide. The credit for these large grants goes to the NCDXF contributors, individuals and clubs who support the DX community. Without those contributions, DXpeditions to entities like Bouvet or other desirable locations would not be possible.

We wish the JX0X Jan Mayen Island DXpedition team a safe and very successful trip to Jan Mayen Island next year.

73, Ned Stearns, AA7A -- NCDXF Vice President
NCDXF Web page -- http://www.ncdxf.org

OJ0, MARKET REEF. Operators Tommi/OH3BRJ (father) and Valtteri/OH3BRK (son) are expected to be to be active as OJ0/OH3BRJ and OJ0/OH3BRK from Market Reef (EU-053) between August 6-7th. Activity will be on 80-6 meters using SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4 with two IC-7300.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). Details on how to subscribe and unsubscribe from the "OPDX Mailing List" are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (August 3-9th).....

Aug/03rd AN	Aug/06th AN	Aug/08th AN
Aug/04th AN	Aug/07th AN	Aug/09th AN
Aug/05th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at: http://sunspotwatch.com
* News and Information About The Sun-Earth Environment: https://www.spaceweather.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Real-time propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (August 2nd)

4A15DXXE via 4A15DXXE (L)	IP1DCI/IX1 via IK1QFM	SN5N via SP5KP (d/L)
5P5CW via DL5SE	IQ8UC via IC8SQS	SP/DH5FS via DH5FS
6K0FS via HL1IWD (O/L)	IU0DUM via IU0DUM (d/L)	SV8/LZ3FN via LZ1PM
9A0FF via 9A2MF	V3/HB9CAT via HB9CAT & (L)	SV8/LZ3SM via LZ3SM
9A8DV via IK6VXO	LX/DL8ECA/P via DL8ECA	SV8/SV1CEI via SV1CEI
9A8TQF via HB9TQF (B)	LY/ES2TT via ES2TT	TK/DM5JBN via DM5JBN

CN21SG via EA7FTR
CS7/DO3HK via DO3HK
CT9/DL5CW via DL5CW
DL/ON4UP/P via ON4UP (L)
DU6/PE1NSQ via EA5GL & (L/e)
EA5/G3XGS via G3XGS (d)
ED3T/6 via N4GNR (d/L)
EF1E via EB1DJ
ES/SQ9MDF/P via SQ9MDF
F/DL6GCA/p via DL6GCA
F/ON8ON/P via ON8ON
FR/F5PLC via F5PLC
HB0/HB9HBY/P via HB9HBY
LZ55HW via LZ1HW
LZ662MI via LZ1KCP
OG70AD via OH3AD & (L)
OH0Z via W0MM and LoTW
OL30DXC via OK2PXJ
OL725PLZ via OK1DRQ (O)
OZ/DB5ZP via DB5ZP (d)
OZ/DL9BQ via DL9BQ
OZ11A via OZ6ABA (d)
OZ8FTDM via OZ1KZX (L/e)
PI75KML via PA3DVA
SF1Z via SM0HEV & (L)
SN0RX via SP8BXL & (L)
TM40PB via F6KDL
TM5T via F5VKT (O/L)
UN7AM via RN3RQ
VI250COOK via VK4HM (L/e)
VK8NSB via M0URX (O/L)
YB0AR via YB0AR (L)
YJ40IND via NZ4DX
YL/SQ9MDF/P via SQ9MDF
YP8T via YO8KGA (L)
ZA/IZ7PMQ via IZ0HLY & (L)
ZV1M via PY1MT

(e) eQSL only (d) direct only (B) Bureau only (*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only (C) ClubLog only (L) LoTW only (N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC (P) PayPal (NB) No Bureau (n) no printed QSLs

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 3V8SS, 4L1MA, 9N7AM, 9Z4Y, A61EK, AH2R, D2EB, DL1DAW (EU-042), DL1YM, E44RU, E44WE,HC1DL, HC1HC, J79AG, K7RE, LY5O, NP3V, R207RRC (AS-207), TG9ADQ, VP2EIH, YS1RS and ZP4KFX

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4J3DJ, 9N7AM, CB0Z, E44CC, PA2M, RI0B (AS-068), RW2F, SU9VB, TA0/R7AL (AS-115), VR2XAN and XR8RRC (SA-032)

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3V8CB, 4L1R, 4O3A, 4O4A, 7K2ABV/6 (AS-023), EX0QP, FK/DB1RUL, FO/JI1JKW (OC-066), JM1CRZ/6 (AS-024), KH6NR, PJ2/DL4OCF, R63RRC (AS-063), RT9K/MM, TI9A, UN7AM, V63YAP (OC-012) and V63YAP/P (OC-011)
--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) send in their info....

R90, EUROPEAN RUSSIA (Special Event). Members of the Fifth Ocean Amateur Radio Amateur Club, together with the Union of Radio Amateurs of the Armed Forces (SRVS) with the support of the Russian Radio Amateurs Union (SRR), are now active as R90WDWR from Bryansk Region until August 16th. Activity is to mark the 90th anniversary of the formation of the Russian Airborne Troops. Operations will be on 160-10 meters. QSL via RZ5D (paper only). For more details, see: https://www.qrz.ru/news/16256.html

SILENT KEY (SK). Mike, ZP5YW, informs OPDX of Doug Wooley, ZP6CW, becoming a Silent Key (SK) on July 28th. Mike states that Doug was a very active CW operator. He was winner of the first 6m and 160m DXCC in Paraguay among many other achievements, plus a CW operator in many contests as part of ZP5MAL's contest station team.

T30ET TARAWA ISLAND, WESTERN KIRIBATI, DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). Alex, 5B4ALX, who has been trying to be active as T30ET from Tarawa Atoll (OC-017) since mid-March, posted the following on July 28th [edited]:

"Unfortunately, today Solomon Island Gov published the extension of the ban period to international flights to 24 October 2020.

Solomon Airlines has today confirmed the airline will extend its suspension of scheduled international passenger flying from August 31st, as previously advised, until October 24th, 2020.

However, I continue to monitor the situation in the hope of better development.

The villa is still booked and paid for for a period of 3 weeks as well as overnight transit in Brisbane; therefore T30ET is currently postponed - NOT DELETED!"

He also posted: "Unfortunately, at the moment, the only further possibility of reaching Tarawa Island is through Fiji Island, but further quarantine constraints and two additional flights with over 100kg of equipment make this alternative unacceptable.

I evaluated the possibility of an alternative activity in September from another location in central Africa, but I decided that I prefer to focus resources on T30 as soon as possible with the possibility, if resources allow it (time and money) to extend the DXpedition to H40 as well, a location that was planned for 2021.

At the moment the villa in Tarawa is paid for three weeks and I have a voucher for the transit to Brisbane, so nothing is canceled ... you just have to be a little patient and not be put off.

All the material is ready to go and is regularly tested and kept checked ... we wait for the flights to reopen!"

For more details and updates, watch:
https://www.5b4alx.cloud/t30et-tarawa-atoll-2020

VK0IR HEARD ISLAND VIDEOS RELEASED. Dr. Bob Schmieder, KK6EK, has released 6 unseen videos of the Cordell Expedition's - VK0IR DXpedition to Heard Island during Jan/Feb 1997. He divided the collection into six parts, on YouTube.com:

Part 1 Preparation -- https://youtu.be/IGcbjiFWAig
Part 2 Outbound -- https://youtu.be/RFCzL5dyDkM
Part 3 Landing/setup -- https://youtu.be/50ykT4acnV8
Part 4 Operations -- https://youtu.be/kYX-F1mulTo
Part 5 Environment -- https://youtu.be/gXNAKC--ElI
Part 6 Departure -- https://youtu.be/uGFiFw3TWxY

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS. Stuart, ZL3STU, who lives on the Chatham Islands (OC-038) and was heard on 30 meters FT8, July 30th, between 0450-0625z. His QRZ.com page states that he uses an IC-706MKII. QSL via info on QRZ.com.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS. Operators Chris/ZL2DX and XYL Catherine/ZL2QT are once again active as ZL7DX and ZL7QT, respectively, from Waitangi, Chatham Islands (OC-038) and will be there for the next couple of years. Activity will be on various HF bands plus 6m EME. QSL via M0OXO.

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